Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai: According to the standardisation scheme a higher scale of pay was fixed temporarily in connection with the Kudivila work. These six clerks who were experienced and reliable with regard to that work were given a higher pay in preference to those who have only a few years more service. But this is only a sort of temporary arrangement.

Debt Conciliation Boards.

41. ***Mr. K. R. Elankath:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the taluks which have not been conferred the benefit of Debt Conciliation Boards : and

(*b*) the principle followed by them in choosing particular areas for the jurisdiction of Conciliation Boards already established?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Kalkulam, Vilavankod, Neyyattinkara, Chirayinkil, Nedumangad, Karunagapalli, Kunnattur, Kartikapalli (except the pakuthies of Kumarapuram and Veeyapuram), Kottarakara, Mavelikara, Tiruvalla taluk (except the pakuthies of Peringara, Nedumpram, Kizhakkumbhagam and Kadapra), Pattanamtitta, Pattanapuram, Shencotta, Shertalla, Vaikam, Minachil, Kunnatnad, Todupuzha, Parur, Devicolam, Peermade and the pakuthies of Ariyad North and Mararikulam South in the Ambalapuzha taluk.

(*b*) No particular principle has been followed in choosing the areas of jurisdiction of Boards already established. The experiment had to be tried in some localities.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: May I know whether there is any great disparity in the number of applications filed for conciliation in the taluks where the Boards have been established ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The number is not the same in all taluks. There is difference.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: In view of the fact that the taluks of Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Trivandrum, and Nedumangad have no Conciliation Boards and the considerable difficulty experienced by the ryots in the matter of liquidating their debts may I know whether the question of increasing the jurisdiction of the existing Conciliation Boards is under the consideration of Government ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government propose to increase the jurisdiction of the present Boards. The question of increasing their number may be considered later.

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